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SUMMARY

1. (S/Rel UK) At President Karzai,s direction, the Afghan Office of the National Security Council (ONSC) has taken on the task of interagency
2. (S/Rel UK) GIROA will present Stanekzai,s reintegration concept paper to the international community at the January 13 Joint Coordination s
Progress on Papers, But Not a Complete Policy

3. (S/Rel UK) At President Karzai,s direction, the Office of the National Security Council (ONSC) has taken on the task of interagency coordin

4. (S/Rel UK) Presidential Advisor Masoom Stanekzai, the once and possibly future designated GIROA lead on reintegration, on January 5 produce
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without elaborating, that different packages and approaches will be necessary for each. Both papers recommend that GIROA establish a single off

TIMELINES...

5. (S/Rel UK) ONSC officials told us on January 4 (and Stanekzai confirmed to us January 6) that they will present Stanekzai,s paper for discu
6. (S/Rel UK) GIROA may convene a peace jirga to discuss and ratify the implementation plans, although probably not until May. GIROA would see

...AND REDLINES

7. (C/Rel UK) Both documents respect U.S. &red lines8 on insurgent reintegration (insurgents must lay down arms and renounce violence, reject

8. (/Rel UK) On January 6 Deputy Ambassador Ricciardone and ISAF Reintegration Advisor Graeme Lamb called on Stanekzai at his request for a st
--All reiterated the importance of ensuring that the international community sticks to its collectively stated intention of supporting an Afghs
--Stanekzai detailed ongoing GIROA discussions over how best to structure a trust fund for handling funds earmarked for reintegration programs.
--D/AMB took the opportunity to update Stanekzai on the internal USG processes related to the release of CERP and USAID funding for reintegrati
--Stanekzai cautioned that reintegration of potentially tens of thousands of &foot soldiers8 would be a long-term proposition) a five year-pls
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out, including development of a communications strategy, engagement with clerical leaders, and a plan for engagement with the Government of Pak

9. (S/Rel UK) COMMENT: ONSC is delivering the long-awaited &Afghan lead8 on reintegration, though on timelines that some international support

10. (S/Rel UK) The idea of a peace jirga to ratify GIROA reintegration planning, if well handled, can be a good source of political support. C